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OF A SHAFT

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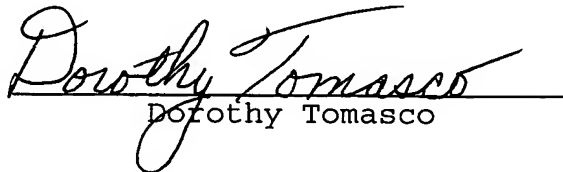
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant wishes to bring the references, listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith, to the attention of the Examiner. The references (or their English equivalents) were cited during the prosecution of priority application **DE 102 47 360** in the German Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Further, the English-language equivalents suffice to make the relevance of the German documents apparent. Therefore, **this submission complies with MPEP § 609.**

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REMARKS

No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to **return an initialled copy** of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited. No fee is believed required; if any is required, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

Respectfully submitted,



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UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	INVENTOR/ASSIGNEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		3,772,675	NOV. 1973	BOSE + /SINGER CO.	340	347P	
		6,542,088	APR. 2003	BIELSKI + /HEIDENHAIN	341	15	MAY 1999 as PCT
		US 2003-0 112 157	JUN. 2003	STRASSER	341	2	SEP. 2001

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	INVENTOR/ASSIGNEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO
		DE 100 60 574	JUN. 2002	STRASSER/HEIDENHAIN			= U S P 2 0 0 3 - 0112157
		DE 198 20 014	NOV. 1999	BIELSKI + /HEIDENHAIN			= USP 6,542,088

OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

		Lamers et al., "Weltkleinster echter Multiturn-Drehgeber setzt Mass-stäbe," available via Internet at WWW.INDUSTRIE-SERVICE.DE/ANTRIEBSTECHNIK/WAHLARTIKEL/03_02/MULTITURN/ART_01.HTML .
		Lamers et al., "A Miniature Multiturn Encoder Sets New Standards in Size," in HEIDENHAIN INFO, Vol. 8, Issue 1, pp. 1-6 (2002), publ. by Dr. Johannes Heidenhain GmbH of Trautrent, Germany. (Apparently an English translation of the foregoing German-language article).

Examiner

Date: